

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-12 are in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the subject matter of claim 6 has been included in claim 1.

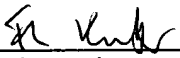
Accordingly, inasmuch as the Examiner has indicated that claims 6-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom are allowable over the art of record.

Finally, the Examiner will note that the specification has been amended to include the current status of the parent application.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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